

Hildegard of Bingen

1. Who was Hildegard?
 - a. Benedictine Abbess (1098-1179) southern Germany near Mainz
 - a. entered as child, nurse, Abbess, founded a second monastery for women at Rupertsberg
 - b. active life -Newman 11-12
 - c. wrote six books by dictating to secretary Volmar Bowie 15-18
27 songs
numerous letters
commentaries (on rule of St. Benedict, the Athanasian Creed)
created a new language
illustrated visions
2. Why is she significant today
 - a. choose one reason: theory of sex complementarity
equality and significant differentiation of man and woman
 - b. in philosophy -
four types of men and women rel. to elements and to interaction see chart
 - c. in theology -
see Newman Sister of Wisdom
masculine and feminine divine 45, 87
 - d. in prayer -
incarnation and the mother of God, 163
rich prayer life to God the Father as well as
Virgin Mary alternate egs Bowie 115, 116, 118-9